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Army logistics units in Europe gets new name, mission

Five Europe-based units took a giant step into the future of logistics support during a ceremony recently at Hammonds Barracks in Seckenheim, Germany.

Combat Equipment Battalions in Livorno, Italy; Bettembourg, Luxembourg; Eygelshoven, Netherlands and Hythe, England were re-designated as Army Field Support Battalions and a Combat Equipment Base at Rhine Ordnance Barracks, Germany became an Army Field Support Company.

Speaking to the troops and guests, Gen. Benjamin S. Griffin, commander of the Army Materiel Command, noted the newly designated units are the first of their kind and establish a more effective way to support expeditionary fighting forces.

"You are leading the effort in AMC and setting the standard," Griffin said. He then went on to say that Army Field Support Brigade - Europe and its subordinate units are on the tip of the Transformation spear, harnessing acquisition, logistics and technology in a way that will improve support to combat forces.

The new name reflects a new mission.

"We're already well down the road of expeditionary logistics support," said Col. Xavier P. Lobeto, brigade commander, who is deployed to Iraq. "Two of our four battalion commanders, and many staff members, are deployed from their home stations to combat zones. Brigade headquarters has deployed an operations command post, providing command and control of AMC activities in Iraq."

AFSC awards largest small business contract in Army history

Army Field Support Command recently awarded the largest total value small business set-aside contract in Army history, for the acquisition of 40 mm grenades to be purchased as a system instead of component parts.

Two contractors, AMTEC Corporation of Janesville, Wis., and Balimoy of Tampa, Fla., were each awarded firm fixed price contracts lasting up to five years. The six proposals submitted were evaluated based on best value, not just on the lowest offered price. The contracts have an estimated value of \$1.3 billion.

ECBC team wins Defense Standardization Program award

The Research, Development and Engineering Command's Edgewood Chemical Biological Center team won a 2004 Defense Standardization Program honorary award for their accomplishments in standardization and interoperability efforts with the American, British, Canadian and Australian Program's Quadripartite Working Group on nuclear, biological and chemical defense.

The team ensured that the United States was well represented in all areas of NBC defense. The quadripartite standardization agreements standardize procedures, equipment components and protocols related to NBC defense.

Standardization agreements with ABCA countries significantly advance interoperability, which translates into enhanced safety for the Soldier in the field, better communication and confidence in coalition partners, and higher availability of spare parts. As a result, all of the ABCA armies have achieved enormous cost savings and increased operational readiness.

Did you know ...

Using a full body scanner, Soldiers from Fort Bliss, Texas, will soon receive uniforms that more accurately correspond with their body demographics from the Central Issue Facility.

The scanner will help give an accurate body measurement and will recommend sizes in accordance to Army standards and regulations. In the past, measurements were done by fitters based on what they could see.